

Natural Resources Advisory Committee Minutes

August 16, 2023, 12:00 pm-meeting called to order

Members present: Chair Cedar Walters, Jaken Nelson, Beth Monke, Chris Byrnes, Cody Dock, Len Taylor

MMSC to approve minutes from 7-19 with one addition.

Grotto Rookery: Cedar gave an update on the possibility of Ottertail Power partnering on the preservation of the rookery-they are not interested.

“No Feeding of Waterfowl” and the broader topic of “No feeding of wildlife” signage was discussed, based on feedback from a townhall meeting that Councilman Kvamme held recently.

Locations for permanently installed signs would be: Lake Alice, the Levee, Grotto Lake, Benjamin Ln peninsula

Suggestion was to remove the “neighborhood watch” sign and replace it with one of these signs.

Beth reviewed some highlights from the Climate Action plan and ways to communicate to residents the value of energy conservation efforts.

Beth will ask Mark Koelke to attend a future meeting to discuss action items.

Jake updated the committee on the new state law related to native plantings.

The current ordinance will be sent to members of the committee to review.

Fleet vehicles for the city was discussed and potential funding sources for the purchase of their purchase.

MMSC to approve a native planting permit for Kisha Bailey.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Len Taylor